

REMARKS

Pending claims 61-122 have been restricted into the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 61-85, 90, 92-94, drawn to a cellular method for detecting protein/protein binding using a reporter system;
- Group II: Claims 86-88, drawn to a cellular method for detecting protein/protein binding by reconstituting protease activity;
- Group III: Claims 89, drawn to a cellular method for detecting protein/protein binding using a reporter system that is regulated by a protease;
- Group IV: Claims 91, drawn to a cellular method for detecting protein/protein binding using a reporter system whose cellular location is regulated by a protease;
- Group V: Claims 95-106, drawn to a cellular method for detecting protein/protein disassociation using a reporter system;
- Group VI: Claims 107, drawn to a method for identifying modulators of protein/protein association;
- Group VII: Claims 108-115, drawn to a recombinant host cell;
- Group VIII: Claims 116, drawn to a kit;
- Group IX: Claims 117 and 120, drawn to a kit;
- Group X: Claims 118 and 121, drawn to a kit; and
- Group XI: Claims 119 and 122, drawn to a kit.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, drawn to a cellular method for detecting protein/protein binding by reconstituting protease activity. Applicants traverse the requirement on the grounds that the search and examination of the eleven groups of claims is not unduly burdensome.

Applicants now await early and favorable action on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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